



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

JANUARY 2018

Town Board

2018 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 10th • 6:00 PM

Planning Board

Wednesday, January 3rd • 7:00 PM

— ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC —

Town Clerk & Tax Collection Hours

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk • Vee Bord, Deputy Clerk

Phone: 733-7458 • Fax: 733-5431

E-Mail: townclerk@townofschuyler.com

deputytownclerk@townofschuyler.com

- Monday: 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM & 6:00 — 7:00 PM
- Tues., Wed., & Thurs. — 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM



Christmas Tree Disposal

Trees are being accepted for recycling at the Highway Garage on Windfall Road during regular hours.

Town Departments & Info. for Residents

Court Clerk's Hours: 8:00—3:00 PM Mon. thru Friday

Court in Session: Every Monday, 5:00 — 7:00 PM

Phone: 733-1093

Assessor George Haskell

Office Hours: Every Thurs., 5:30 — 8:30 PM or by Appt.

Phone: 733-7458, Ext. 225 (leave message)

Codes/Zonng Officer Philip Green

Phone: 733-7447 (Office) • 534-2232 (Cell)

Call Before Starting ANY Building Project

State Police Herkimer Substation • 866-7111

TOWN OFFICE & DEPT. CLOSINGS FOR JANUARY

New Years Day • Friday, January 1st

Martin Luther King Day • Monday, January 18th

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS BEGIN

Monday, January 4th

Payments Accepted at Town Office through March 31st

No Interest/Penalties will be Incurred

if Tax Bill is Paid in Full by the end of January.

Make Checks Payable to Barbara J. Boulia, Tax Collector

Alternate Parking Law Now in Effect

A REMINDER TO MAPLETON DRIVE, AUSTIN ROAD
& BEVERLY ROAD RESIDENTS

Parking is restricted to one side of the street until April 15th, as follows:

- On even numbered days, such as January 2nd, 4th, 6th, etc., cars should park on the side of the street with even numbered housing, such as 5630, 5634 and 5636.
- On odd numbered days such as January 1st, 3rd and 5th, etc., cars should park on the side of the street with odd numbers, such as 5629, 5635 and 5639.

2018 Appointments & Salary Schedule

... will be made at the upcoming Organizational Meeting on January 10th and published in the February, 2018 Issue of this Newsletter. They will also be posted on the Town website at: www.townofschuyler.com.

Deadline for February 2018 Newsletter

Tues., January 16th

Articles for publication may be dropped off at the Town Office or E-mailed to:

Bette Szesny, Editor at bszes@aol.com






January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Years Day; All Town Dept's Closed	2 Sr. Citizens @ Schuyler Firehouse	3 Planning Bd.: 6 PM	4	5	6 WSUMC Community Bkfst: 7:30-10 AM
7	8	9 Sr. Citizens @ Schuyler Firehouse	10 Town Bd.: 6 PM	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day; All Town Dept's Closed.	16 Feb. '18 Newsletter Deadline Sr. Citizens @ Firehouse	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Sr. Citizens @ Schuyler Firehouse	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Sr. Citizens @ Schuyler Firehouse	31 1st 2018 Extravaganza Committee Meeting: 7 PM			

February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Ground Hog Day!	3 WSUMC Community Bkfst: 7:30-10 AM
4	5	6 Sr. Citizens @ Schuyler Firehouse	7 Planning Bd.: 6 PM	8	9	10



Dec. 6th



Planning Board ★★★★★★★★★★

Chairman Paul Thomas called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair Donna Salamone, Victor Costanza, James Digristina, David Fusillo, Jean Finster, Michael Ritter, and Alternate Member Daniel Tripoli. This constituted a full membership of the Planning Board and Alternate. Other Town officials present were Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge, Councilman-Deputy Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Codes Officer Philip Green, and Bette Szesny, who serves as Recording

Secretary. Also present was Town resident Richard Finster.

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 1, 2017 WORKSHOP MEETING

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by Donna Salamone to approve the minutes of the November 1st Meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

PLANNING/ZONING TRAINING SEMINAR

Bette Szesny stated the training program was held at the Town Office on November 29th from 6 to 10 PM, with Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the NYS Committee on Open Government, providing a presentation on Freedom of Information in municipal government for Part I, and Steve DiMeo, President of Mohawk Valley Edge, presenting an update on the NANO Center and Economic Development strategies that are being implemented to bring new companies into the Mohawk Valley for Part II, with both presentations proving to be interesting and informative. The seminar was well attended by municipal officials from Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS' VOUCHERS

Vouchers for attendance stipends will be mailed out to each member and will be audited at the Town Board's December 20th Year End Meeting.

WORKSHOP SESSION RE: CONTINUANCE — DEVELOPMENT OF A MASS GATHERING LAW —

Anthony Lucenti reported the Town attorney has reviewed the Cornwall law and the comments/recommendations generated by the Planning Board at the November meeting, and he agrees it would meet the needs of the Town of Schuyler's intent to control undesirable situations at mass gatherings.

Mr. Lucenti then presented a proposed application for the Mass Gathering Law, largely modeled after the Town of Cornwall's law, though some points were taken from those of other municipalities. The workshop members reviewed the entire text of the proposed document, and the following suggestions were offered by the Planning Board:

- Any established business exceeding their occupancy quota must fill out an application (Sect. F).
- In Section G regarding Inspection prior to the start of an event, add the word "scheduled" to "there will be no inspection the day of the event." This allows officials to inspect the venue at any time, to ensure all criteria have been met.
- Section H — Non-compliance with Permit, re-word as follows: "If, the town Board or its designee determines that any of the items as a condition of the permit are not adhered to, or if any insurance or surety bonds shall be terminated prior to the completion of the event, then this permit shall thereupon immediately be terminated by action of the Town Board/designee."
- Certification of insurance must include the Town (as well as the facility / owner) be named as an additional insured.
- A provision should be included exempting the Town from any liability.
- A check list should be developed to ensure all criteria have been addressed and met at the time of approval of the permit.

- A provision should be added to impose a fine in the event the number of attendees exceeds the permitted occupancy of the venue, and/or the stated number of attendees listed on the permit. This would require adding a line to the current application for bookings at the Town Park, to require the number of people that will be attending.
- All Permits issued upon approval of the application should be displayed at the event, listing the specific criteria for the approval.

Mr. Lucenti stated he will update the application to include the above revisions. The secretary will revise the Cornwall law to include these revisions together with identification of the law as that of the Town of Schuyler, and ultimately revise the Cornwall law, incorporating all modifications, which may include sections taken from other municipalities' Mass Gathering Laws and/or any additional modifications that may be decided upon by the Planning Board at the next meeting. It is anticipated the Planning Board will finalize the process at their January meeting, with a referral to the Town Board to follow.

UPDATE: WESTGATE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION APPLICATION

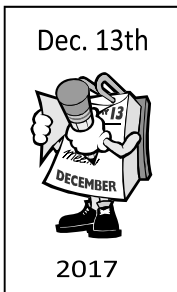
Anthony Lucenti reported he spoke to the applicant's engineer, Don Ehre, who informed him the project will move forward when all aspects of the engineering plans are completed to the satisfaction of the involved agencies.

Mr. Costanza said it is important for the Town to follow up on all approved applications so as to ensure compliance with all stipulations are followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM, when the Board and others present enjoyed a holiday gathering and refreshments.

— Bette Szesny, Recording Secretary



Town Board ★★★★★★★★★★★★

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmen Joe Juliano, Eric Kane and Anthony Lucenti; absent was Bette Szesny.

ALSO PRESENT

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, Assessor George Haskell, and Town residents Harry Robbins, Richard & Jean Finster, and Peter Cardone Jr.; absent was Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka.

Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge led the assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General #436 to #476, and Highway #177 to #210; all in favor.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8th & 9th, 2017

Motion by Lucenti, second by Kane, that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 8 & 9, 2017; all in favor.

CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR HIGHWAY & CLERICAL STAFF

Motion by Kane, second by Lucenti that a Christmas Bonus of \$50.00 each for both Highway and Clerical be paid; all in favor.

AGREEMENT WITH STEVENS-SWAN HUMANE SOCIETY

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano, that the Supervisor sign the agreement with Stevens-Swan Humane Society for dogs only, excluding cats; all in favor.

FIRE CONTRACT WITH SCHUYLER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Supervisor Dodge said the Fire Contract with the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. will be discussed at the December 20, 2017 meeting. He said that this will be our year-end meeting.

LIST OF PRELIMINARY APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Dodge read the list of preliminary appointments.

RESIDENT COMMENT

Town resident Dick Finster asked Councilman Juliano how the new building was coming on Wood Lane. Mr. Juliano replied that the material was there, and they should start the building on Friday.

TRAINING FOR JUDGES

Motion by Kane, second by Lucenti authorizing the two Judges from Schuyler to attend the training in New York City on February 18 thru February 21, 2018.

— COMMITTEE REPORTS —

ASSESSOR'S REPORT — BY GEORGE HASKELL

Assessor George Haskell said all the ownerships of properties have been changed, and he will be working on STAR mailings the first week of January.

CODES REPORT — BY PHILIP GREEN

Codes Officer Philip Green said the court date is still going on. He said the lawyers postpone it. He said this year we did about forty- four permits.

HIGHWAY REPORT

— BY DONALD SROKA —
(NOT AVAILABLE)

Councilman Lucenti said on Auctions International, we sold a sander for \$4,275.00 and a hydraulic unit for \$65.00. Motion by Lucenti, second by Kane, authorizing the sale of the sander and hydraulic unit for a total of \$4,340.00; all in favor.

SEWER REPORT

— BY DONALD SROKA —
(NOT AVAILABLE)

REPORT BY PARK RANGER

Nothing going on.

WATER BOARD REPORT

— BY BETTE SZESNY —
(NOT AVAILABLE)

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

— BY BETTE SZESNY —
(NOT AVAILABLE)

Councilman Lucenti said the Training went very well. He said there were a total of 71 people, which represented 24 Towns.

Councilman Lucenti said he has given a copy of the Mass Gathering Law to the Town Board Members. He said a copy will go to the Town Attorney and they will be scheduling a Public Hearing in February regarding the Law.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT

(NOT AVAILABLE)

RESIDENT COMMENT

Town Resident Harry Robbins mentioned to the Town Board that Barbara Johnson passed away. The Town Board expressed their condolences.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

— Barbara J. Boulia,
Town Clerk



2018 STAR EXEMPTION PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR SCHUYLER RESIDENTS

- **ALL** Exemptions for the upcoming year will be due in the Assessor's Office by **March 1, 2018**.
- If you currently receive an exemption, you will receive a form around January 1st — **except for BASIC STAR, for which NO renewal is needed.**

ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION

- To qualify, one of the owners must be **65 years of age by December 31, 2018** and your **2016 Federal Adjusted Income** (Form 1040, shown on line 37, minus line 15b) **must be less than \$86,000.**
- Complete the form and return it with a copy of **Page 1 of your 2016 Federal Income Tax**, to the Assessor's office at the Town of Schuyler.

SENIOR EXEMPTION

- This exemption gives tax relief for School, Town, and County Taxes **for those 65 years of age and over by March 1, 2018.**
- The net amount of income for this exemption is **\$15,000**, and the amount **must include income for all owners.**
- The income figure must include all **Social Security benefits, pensions** and all income from **stocks, bonds, bank interest** and the **W-2 income for the Year 2017.**
- Complete the form and send it along with copies of **ALL income statements (Form 1099's)** to the Assessor's office.

BASIC STAR

- This exemption is available to **all occupied residences.**
- The income limit is as follows: **your annual income must be less than \$500,000.**
- Any resident who has purchased their residence **after 2016** can only apply for this exemption **with the NYS Tax Dept.**
 - ➔ Contact the NYS Tax Dept. on line at **www.tax.ny.gov/star/** or ...
 - ➔ Property owners without access to a computer can **register by phone** weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. **The number to call is: (518) 457-2036.**
- STAR Applications may be obtained and/or filled out during the week between the hours of **10:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the Office of the Town Clerk**, located at 2090 State Route 5 in the Town of Schuyler.

— George Haskell, Town Assessor



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER

WEST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST
297 Wood Lane
Pastor Susan Holland
11:00 AM Sunday Service
Followed by Coffee Hour

Community Breakfast
7:30 to 10 AM
(Held 1st Sat. of the Month
Now Thru May 2018)



EAST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST
118 Church Rd. (Off Millers Grove)
— Sunday, December 24th —
No Morning Services
Christmas Eve Services — 5:00 PM

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER
3659 State Route 5, Schuyler
Ourchurchmail@gmail.com

**E. SCHUYLER MILLER CEMETERY
BURIAL SITES AVAILABLE**

The East Schuyler Miller Cemetery has acquired additional property from a generous donation and we now can offer burial sites for sale. Anyone who is interested can call the following Board of Director Members for further information and pricing:

- President Harry Robbins — 315-269-0861
- Treasurer John Schuyler — 315-416-9674
- Superintendent Ray Hendrie — 315-894-3000

If you do not receive an answer, please leave a message and we will call you back.

— Thank you.



JOHN A. LAPOLLA VFW POST #8728

240 Wood Lane, Schuyler · Phone: (315) 733-6609

SOCIAL HOURS AT THE POST — FRIDAYS at 5:00 PM

The Schuyler VFW is open to the public for all occasions.

Call George Dunbar at: (315) 724-4872

ANNUAL REGIONAL PLANNING/ZONING TRAINING SEMINAR HELD ON NOVEMBER 29th



Robert Freeman-NYS Committee on Open Govt.



Steve DiMeo, MV EDGE

Seventy-one Planning and Zoning Board members from 24 municipalities throughout Herkimer and Oneida Counties joined Schuyler Planning and ZBA members at this year's annual Planning & Zoning seminar held at the Town Hall from 6:00 to 10:00 PM on Wednesday, November 29th. This year's 2-segment seminar again featured Robert Freeman, Executive Director of NYS Committee on Open Government, with a discussion on municipalities' obligations to provide public access to government under the freedom of Information Law (Part 1), and Steve DiMeo, President of Mohawk Valley EDGE, who provided an update on NANO Utica and "QUAD C" as well as an overview of EDGE's detailed marketing plan to attract new companies to the Mohawk Valley (Part 2). Thank you our guest speakers for providing an excellent program again this year, and to the VFW for serving refreshments during the intermission period and loan of the extra chairs, to

the Town Highway Dept. for set-up of the meeting room, Tom Mariano and his fellow Herkimer Co. Fire & Police Assoc. members for their assistance with parking and traffic control, to Anthony Lucenti and Mike DeZotell for assisting with equipment and speaker system set-up, and to Donna Salamon, Jean Finster and Richard Finster for serving at the Check-In Registration Desk.

— Councilwoman Bette Szesny, Training Coordinator



NEW CEMETERY / CHURCH SIGN

The East Schuyler Cemetery and East Schuyler Methodist Church express their heartfelt thanks to Bill Schwerdt for creating the elegant sign on the corner of Millers Grove Rd. and Church Road.

Gratitude is also extended to Jim and Bob Rathbun for providing equipment and labor to install the sign.

In the photo left to right: Bill Schwerdt; Harry Robbins, Cemetery President; Ray Hendrie, Cemetery Grounds; John Schuyler, Cemetery Treasurer; Jim Rathbun; Dorothy and Tom Tripoli; and Scott Coffin, Church Trustee. Absent from the photo was Bob Rathbun, who was attending National Guards.

Recognition is extended to Dorothy Tripoli and John Schuyler for establishing a plaque at Frankfort-Schuyler High School recognizing Beverly Gillette's lifetime achievements, including designing the Knights logo. Beverly is a past Cemetery president and church member.



THANK YOU

The Haman Family wishes to thank the many members of our community for their support and assistance to the family of baby Bretton Haman, who sustained injuries resulting from a fall through an open window earlier this past year.

Family members are happy to report baby Bretton Haman is making great progress, though his convalescence will take time and extensive medical care to reach full recovery.



Ken Dodge

dedicated service to our great Town of Schuyler!

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

... to long-time Supervisor Ken Dodge on his retirement from public office on December 31, 2017, after serving over 50 years in the capacity of Town Supervisor.

A tribute to Mr. Dodge was held at the Town Board's Year-End meeting on December 20th, when his colleagues together with Town residents celebrated his retirement.

Good Luck, Ken, and God Bless for all your hard work throughout your many years of

... AND ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!!



TOWN OF SCHUYLER TO PUBLISH NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

An all-new facebook page for the Town of Schuyler is currently in development, and will be available for public access soon!

SCHUYLER SENIOR CITIZENS

Meetings are held every Tuesday at the Schuyler Firehouse on Newport Road. Covered Dish is held the last Tuesday of the month from 12:00 Noon to 12:30. Dues are \$7 a year. Contact Sr. Citizen Director Marie 315-797-2404 for more info.



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TOWN OF SCHUYLER
2090 STATE ROUTE 5
UTICA, NY 13502

JANUARY
2018

STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #566
UTICA, NY

WANTED — PART-TIME SECRETARY

This is a Part-Time Position
(Between 4 & 12 Hours Monthly)

Candidate Must be Proficient in the Following:

PDF • Scanning • Facebook • Websites • E-mail

— As well as Standard Correspondence —

Compensation: \$13.50 per hour

— Interested Candidates —
Can Send a Letter of Interest to:

Schuyler Town Supervisor's Office

Attn.: A. Lucenti

2090 Route 5

Utica, NY 13502

Deadline: February 1, 2018

TAX COLLECTORS NOTICE

Please take notice that the Collectors of Taxes for the Town of Schuyler, Herkimer County, have fully received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for Fiscal Year 2018, and that the following places will be attended during the times set, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for the purpose of receiving the Town and County taxes listed on such roll, at the Schuyler Town Offices, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502, January 2, 2018 through March 31, 2018:

MONDAY

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM & 6:00 — 7:00 PM

TUESDAY

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

THURSDAY

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

FRIDAY

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Please take further notice: Taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2018 without charge or interest. On all such taxes remaining unpaid after January 31, 2018, one percent of the unpaid tax for the month of February and two percent of the unpaid tax for March will be added until the return is made to the County Treasurer of the County of Herkimer on March 1, 2018.

Barbara J. Boulia, Tax Collector
Alvina Bord, Deputy Tax Collector
Judy Parry, Deputy Tax Collector

**Martin
Luther
King, Jr.**



MLK DAY — NATIONAL HOLIDAY
Monday, February 15th

All Town Departments will be Closed